

age; and I am a woman. While the first two can be addressed outwardly the last two I can not prove but I suspect.

Yesterday I had an interview with a local non-profit organization. Sitting with the director and two managers I was told, "We wanted to talk with you but we can't afford you." We talked for an hour and a half with me acting as a consultant. Should I send them a bill for my services?

My fear is that I will never work again; that I will age out before I find employment.

I feel betrayed by our society. I worked through college as a single parent in the hopes I could earn a better living for my children. I volunteered in my community. I did everything I could to be a vital part of my community and now that I have accumulated experience and education I seem to be invisible and of little use to society.

I was very disappointed during the recent State of the Union address that President Obama did not address the employed. There are over 30 million of us with no income, and in my case no unemployment. The vision of the speech seemed to skip over the current reality. At my age I probably will not see the future he predicts. What will happen to those of us who are caught between being productive citizens and retirement? We are the invisible people falling through the cracks.

My saving grace is that I am a veteran so I have medical care should I need it. And I am not starving because my partner is working in the natural gas industry. But what about me? What about my self esteem? What about the stigma attached to not working?

Thank you for all you are doing to bring the plight of the unemployed to light.

Sincerely,

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EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ANNUAL GIVING

Planned and implemented the Annual Giving program soliciting alumni, parents and friends giving by direct mail and phone. (Catawba College and Mansfield University.)

Wrote and coordinated the production of segmented direct mail solicitations and outgoing correspondence to alumni, parents and friends. (Catawba College and Mansfield University.)

Hired, trained and supervised 10-25 student callers per semester for phonathon fundraising. (Catawba College and Mansfield University.)

Stewardship of donors through ongoing communication and relationship management. (Catawba College, Texas Woman's University and Mansfield University.)

Responsible for the stewardship of foundation and university endowment funds including ensuring timely distribution of funds as indicated by fund criteria, compiling yearly report and stewardship of donors. (Catawba College, Texas Woman's University and Mansfield University.)

GRANT FUNDING

Conducted the full range of activities required to prepare, submit and manage grant proposals to foundation and corporate sources. (Catawba College and Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

Wrote successful grant proposals to private and public funding sources. (Catawba College and Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

Performed research on foundations and corporations to evaluate prospects for grants. (Catawba College and Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Co-founded and managed the Bath County Farmers' Market in rural Bath County, Vir-

ginia that grossed over \$18,000 in vendor sales the first year.

Planned, executed and evaluated a wide variety of special events. (Rowan Salisbury Schools, American Cancer Society, Mansfield University, Catawba College, American Heart Association.)

Planned and managed volunteer driven special events resulting in revenue of over \$125,000, an increase of 78%, in a 15 county rural area of Northeastern Oklahoma. (American Heart Association.)

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Recruited, trained and supervised adult and youth volunteers including board formation. (The Science Place, American Heart Association, and American Cancer Society.)

Designed and produced volunteer recruitment materials and newsletter. (The Science Place.)

Created and managed summer volunteer program for over 60 youth ages 10 to 18 from the Dallas area. (The Science Place.)

TRAINING/TEACHING

Substitute teacher. (Bath County Schools, Warm Springs, VA; Mercer County Public Schools, Mercer County, WV.)

Long-term substitute teacher fourth grade. (Tazewell Public Schools, Tazewell, VA.)

Increased Food I and II student achievement test scores by 20%. (Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

Presented professional development workshops for central office, administrative and school staff in the areas of grant writing and grant development. (Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

Co-presented three day Facilitative Leadership, Tapping the Power of Participation, training to school system employees, school board members, and parents throughout the state of North Carolina. (Rowan Salisbury Schools.)

CAREER HISTORY

General Manager. Healthy Foods Coop and Café. Lexington, VA, 2009-2010.

Substitute Teacher. Bath County Schools, Warm Springs, VA, 2007-2008. Tazewell County Schools, Tazewell, Virginia and Mercer County Schools, Princeton, West Virginia. 2006 to 2007.

Teacher, Foods I and II. West Rowan High School, Rowan Salisbury Schools, Salisbury, North Carolina. 2005-2006.

Income Development Specialist. American Cancer Society, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 2004-2005.

Director of the Mansfield Fund. Mansfield University Foundation. 2003 to 2004.

Development Officer, Major Gifts and Charitable Gift Planning. Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas. 2002 to 2003.

Grant Coordinator. Rowan-Salisbury Schools, Salisbury, North Carolina. 1999 to 2001.

Trainer. Facilitative Leadership: Tapping the Power of Participation, Interaction Associates, and North Carolina Network. 2000 to 2001.

Director of the Catawba Fund. Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina. 1997 to 1999.

Manager, Volunteer Department. The Science Place, Dallas, Texas. 1995-1996.

Regional Director. American Heart Association, Oklahoma Affiliate. 1993 to 1995.

EDUCATION

Degrees

Bachelor of Science, Family Life and Marketing, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas. May 1991. Graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Associate of Applied Science, Small Business Management, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, Texas. August 1990.

Professional Certificates

YMCA Personal Trainer Certification, 2008.
Long Term Substitute Permit, Business Education, State of West Virginia, 2007-2010.
ServSafe Certification and Instructor Certification, National Restaurant Association, 2005.

Training and Development Certificate, University of North Carolina at Charlotte and American Society for Training and Development, Charlotte Area Chapter, 2001.

Facilitative Leadership Trainer Certification, Interaction Associates, North Carolina Network, 2000.

Volunteer Mediation Certification, Cabarrus County Mediation Center, Concord, North Carolina, 2000.

Professional Training

RESA-1 Substitute Teacher Training, West Virginia, 2006.

PG CALC Training Program, Standard and Advanced Planned Giving Manager Training Courses, 2002.

Seize the Opportunity, Major Gift Seminar, The Institute for Charitable Giving, 2002.

Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, The Grantsmanship Center, Charlotte NC, 1999.

Facilitative Leadership, Interaction Associates, 1999.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bath County Farmers Market, Millboro, VA, 2008 to 2010.

Rockbridge Grown, Lexington, VA, 2008.

Community Fitness Center, Millboro, VA, 2007-2010.

Moomaw Madness Triathlon, Warm Springs, VA, 2008.

Rowan Helping Ministries, Salisbury, NC, 2006.

Rowan County United Arts Council, Salisbury, NC, 2000-2001.

Leadership Rowan, Class of 2001, Salisbury, NC.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Navy, Radioman, 1975 to 1979. Honor-able Discharge.

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GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a question for my friends on the other side of the aisle: When will we get down to the business of putting people back to work?

My constituents in the First District of Rhode Island sent me to here to do everything I can to get our economy

back on track, pave the way for sustained recovery, and get Rhode Islanders back to work. And that's why my colleagues and I in the Democratic minority are focused on job creation, economic development and debt reduction.

However, the first actions by the new Republican majority during their first month have not been consistent with these principles.

Unfortunately, my constituents, like Rhonda Taylor, for example, from North Providence, Rhode Island, whom I met with yesterday, do not have months and months to wait for my Republican colleagues to get their priorities straight. She's already been waiting and waiting. And that's because Rhonda lost her job in the information technology field due to outsourcing almost 3 years ago. And her unemployment compensation benefits were exhausted nearly a year ago.

Rhonda is a mother of three. She's liquidated her savings and sold all of her possessions, and now she's afraid she'll become homeless.

Rhonda proves why there is no time to spare. We need to focus on policies that create jobs today. The struggles of our unemployed friends and neighbors are heartbreaking and, unfortunately, all too common. People like Rhonda have no time to wait. The partisan games have to end.

Unfortunately, Rhonda's story is not unique. I've been hearing similar messages for the past year from men and women all across Rhode Island. But instead of working on policies that will help real Americans like Rhonda, my friends on the other side of the aisle are playing politics with the Federal budget and the national debt, a budget that even Republican economists say could lead to double-digit unemployment and reverse the economic growth that is starting to take hold.

Blind budget cuts my colleagues in the majority are pursuing won't help people like Rhonda but would, rather, do more to cut jobs than save or create them. What my friends fail to recognize is that partisan political games will not solve our Nation's unemployment crisis which plagues nearly 14 million of our friends and neighbors.

The fact of the matter is the challenges facing us as a Nation are not Democratic challenges or Republican challenges. They are our challenges, and they require American solutions.

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The work is demanding, yes, and it will test the will of both parties to make difficult choices. But as a Congress, we need to both responsibly reduce the deficit, cut spending, but also make the smart investments that will create jobs now and guarantee the prosperity of our great Nation.

Our Nation must make the investments in education, innovation, infrastructure, science and research that are critical to rebuilding our economy and putting people back to work because we cannot compete in the short

term if we cannot innovate. And we cannot innovate in the long term if we fail to provide our children with access to a high-quality education. We cannot move goods and services throughout the economy if our infrastructure is crumbling. And America cannot make things again if we do not support the research, the entrepreneurs, the small businesses and manufacturers that transform ideas into new products.

People like Rhonda back home in Rhode Island, and hardworking people all across this Nation, have suffered for too long. We must have the courage to set the right priority, cut what doesn't work or isn't needed, live within our means, and make the right investments that ensure our ability to compete in the global economy today and into the future.

I call on my Republican colleagues to join me so we can focus on putting Americans back to work by developing commonsense solutions and focusing on jobs.

INGERSOLL-RAND OF MOCKSVILLE NAMED "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased to hear my colleagues start talking about the need for jobs. For the last 4 years, since they have been in control of the Congress, Republicans have been talking about that and how their job-killing policies have worked against the American people.

But, Mr. Speaker, today I want to speak about an outstanding industry in the Fifth District of North Carolina that has gone about creating jobs.

Businesses that create jobs and invest in their communities are our ticket to economic growth and recovery in today's economy. That's why it's impressive that Ingersoll-Rand's manufacturing facility in Mocksville, North Carolina, recently received the Davie County Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year award.

The hardworking people at Ingersoll have brought about 200 jobs to Davie County in recent years, which, during these difficult economic times, is a tangible boost to the community. These are good jobs that are strengthening the local economy.

Ingersoll's major investment in Davie County is a tribute to the fact that the area's skilled workforce is composed of men and women who are dedicated to producing the best products in the world. The hundreds of workers at Ingersoll in Mocksville are the driving force behind this award, and I tip my hat to everyone at Ingersoll-Rand in Mocksville for this important recognition for their hard work and investment in Davie County, North Carolina.

THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from

the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, next week President Obama will send his budget to Congress, and news coming from the White House will not be good. But the rumors of a budget war from the Republican leadership promises to make a bad situation much, much worse.

From what we are hearing, all of us can expect the same Republican policies which took an over-\$5 trillion surplus that Democrats and President Clinton sacrificed to create and turned it into the dream-crushing deficit that we are faced with today.

They have made cutting spending sound like a good thing, but it is not when you look at where the cuts will come from. They will not come from the tax cuts for the wealthy and not from the wars we need to end, but they will come from programs that communities and families need now more than ever. This is Bush *deja vu* all over again. And every economist that I have read says that with this economy in such a fragile state, with the country only at the beginning of recovery, and with far too many of our fellow Americans hurting, this is not the time to cut spending.

It is not that I am against making prudent cuts to reduce the deficit, but the cuts I am hearing about so far will hurt those the President said should not be hurt: the most vulnerable, children, the poor, the majority of whom are racial and ethnic minorities, and our disabled and elderly.

We in the Congressional Black Caucus have placed ourselves in the breach on behalf of those who would otherwise remain nameless because no one is willing to name them. They are Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian and Pacific Island Americans, and the poor and rural Americans of every race and ethnicity.

As we do every year, we will develop a budget that treats all Americans fairly, does not leave anyone behind, but gives a helping hand to those who need it, and also reduces the deficit.

We agree with President Obama that his budget must put the country on a firm path to winning the future, and we know that winning the future means creating opportunity for everyone who lives in this country. But the CBC is further committed to making sure that everyone means everyone, to making sure that those who have been most hurt by this recession and those who have long been marginalized even in the good times have the special help they need to be a part of creating that future and benefiting from it.

I cannot believe that there could be one Member of Congress who does not support our country being number one, who does not want to win the future. But we can't win the future without ensuring that every child has access to a quality education and that those schools which have lagged behind because they lack resources and adequate